

R7-2-619. Reciprocity

The Board shall issue a comparable Arizona provisional certificate, if one is established pursuant to this Chapter, to an applicant who holds a valid certificate from another state and possesses a Bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited institution.

1. Certificates shall be valid for one year and are nonrenewable.
2. The applicant shall possess a valid Class 1 or Class 2 fingerprint clearance card. Applicants who were fingerprinted in another state with substantially similar criminal history or teacher fingerprinting requirements shall be required to provide documentation that an application for a fingerprint clearance card has been submitted to the Arizona Department of Public Safety. "Substantially similar" criminal history or teacher fingerprinting requirements shall be determined by the Investigations Unit and shall, at a minimum, include local law enforcement and FBI checks.
3. The deficiencies allowed pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes in Arizona Constitution, United States Constitution, and a passing score on all required portions of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment shall be satisfied prior to the issuance of any other certificate prescribed in this Chapter, except as noted below:
 - a. ~~The professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment shall be waived for applicants with three years of verified teaching experience. The three years of verified teaching experience shall have been during the last valid period of the certificate produced from the other state.~~
 - b. ~~The subject knowledge portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment shall be waived for applicants who hold a Master's degree or higher in the subject area to be taught.~~
 - c. A person is not required to take the professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment if the person has passed a comparable proficiency examination adopted by a state board of education or equivalent agency in another state.
 - d. A person is not required to take the content knowledge portion of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment if the person has passed a comparable proficiency examination adopted by a state board of education or equivalent agency in another state
 - e. A person who passed comparable proficiency examinations adopted by a state board of education or equivalent agency in another state seven or more years before qualifying to teach in this state is required to pass the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment unless the person has been employed as a teacher in another state for at least five of the previous seven years before qualifying to teach in Arizona.
 - f. The professional knowledge and subject knowledge portions of the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessment shall be waived for applicants who hold a current certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Historical Note

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 2396, effective May 10, 2002 (Supp. 02-2).